

FRENCH RAILROADS IN GOOD CONDITION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Official reports to the war department show French railroads to be in splendid shape after three years of war. American engineers who have inspected the lines have been amazed at what they found in this regard, and no report has reached the department tending to confirm rumors that the transportation systems in France were badly run down and would have to be reorganized.

American railway engineers regiments, several of which are now in Europe, are intended for work on military railroads. It will be necessary to take from the British, engineers, as the case may be, such military lines to serve the American bases. This will be done as soon as the forces in Europe reach a strength to justify the action.

From the bases to the American front it is probable that numerous additional feeder lines will have to be constructed, and this work, together with the operation and up-keep of the main supply lines, will require the use of many railway engineer units. It is indicated that eleven more will be formed next Monday.

Railway employees among the drafted men probably will be assigned to these special units. The organization plans for the national army call for many separate training battalions at each divisional cantonment in addition to the fighting troops of the division.

CLASSIC FOOTBALL CONTESTS WILL CONTINUE ON THE PACIFIC

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—While the east seems destined to be deprived of the majority of its classic football contests this fall owing to the war, the big game of the Pacific coast hereabouts, that between the University of California and the University of Washington, apparently is assured unless some unforeseen occasion arises to cancel it. The coaches in charge of the rival eleven are evidently going to have their hands full for the reason that so much of their old material no longer is available that practically new football machines will have to be built up.

from the Rugby code, and practically will place them on an even footing with the northwesterners. Washington's veteran material has been the greatest handicap which the green Californians have been obliged to combat.

With new men on both teams the outcome of the game will be an uncertainty, whereas, in the past two years, the principal question has been, how low California could hold the Washington score.

To pay \$125 in railroad fare and have his player travel 1620 miles in order to get him into a game as a pinch hitter and then have him strike out was the recent experience of Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast league. Bill Rogers, one of Portland's best players was left at home owing to a large shoulder. While playing in San Francisco McCredie's infield became badly demoralized so he sent post haste for Rogers. The only play in which the player participated on his arrival was the one mentioned above.

Charles Voltz, veteran trainer of the University of California, is authority for the statement that less injuries are incurred in the American game than in the English Rugby code. Voltz has had an unusual opportunity to make a comparison. He trained the Californians for nine years in the American game. "The last three years have been in the nature of a holiday for me," says Voltz, "as compared to Rugby seasons."

Miss Edith Chesebrough, considered one of California's best women golfers, will play in the women's national championship to be held in the east during the fore part of October. She is said to have added twenty feet to her drives since she last played on the Atlantic seaboard.

BILLIONS BEFORE CONGRESS FOR CONSIDERATION THIS WEEK

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—This week's program of congress promises to be one of the most important of the war session.

A decision by the senate on how war wealth shall be conscripted in the war tax bill, passage by the house of the \$11,538,000,000 new war credit bill and the soldiers and sailors insurance measure and the launching of a new deficiency appropriation bill aggregating between \$1,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 are among the things to be done.

On Wednesday senate leaders expect to reach the war profits section of the tax bill, to begin the fight over proposals to levy taxes of \$2,400,000,000 and \$2,200,000,000 on such profits instead of as provided in the

Senate leaders have little hope of passing the war tax bill before next week, but today they may endeavor to have a date set for a final vote. Disposition of the war profits section by Saturday is proposed, but many speeches must be heard. Prospects of further increases in taxes on incomes and war profits give basis for the belief that the measure as it comes from the senate will be so nearly acceptable to the house that only brief conferences will be necessary.

A brief trace in the senate struggle will be taken Thursday for reception of the Japanese mission. Viscount Ishii, the special ambassador will address the senate.

ing as the profit allowed by the government of 35 cents a ton will not cover any loss of this character. When the cost of delivery, involving carrying the load in tubs and sacks, is placed at \$2.00 a ton it will be seen that the old price is not far from what will prevail this winter.

PORTER IS BROKE
"DOING HIS BIT"

(By Associated Press.)
SANDUSKY, O.—Andrew Francis Patrick Mahon, aged 67, hotel porter and shoe shiner for more than half a century, is "broke" from doing his "bit."

"But I never was happier," says Mahon, "and until this war ends I am going to keep right on shoving across all the money I can scrape together. I am going to place it where it will do the most good."

Throughout the Red Cross campaign Mahon turned over daily his receipts for the day, less what it cost him for meals. What he ate cost him from 60 to 75 cents a day. Several times he paid to the Red Cross committee sums exceeding \$10.

"Now I'm going to start to save so I can buy some more Liberty bonds when Uncle Sam finds it necessary to 'beat' another issue," said Mahon. "By practicing the strictest economy I ought to be

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NO SHORTAGE IN CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW ARMY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 27.—No serious shortage in clothing or equipment is expected to be disclosed when the national army is mobilized next month. Secretary Baker says that arrangements for the enormous supplies necessary for the new force are so well advanced that whatever shortage is found will be overcome quickly. The same situation prevails

as to cantonments. Most of the divisional training establishments are nearing completion and all will be ready for the men as rapidly as the levies arrive.

The first British Enfield rifle chambered for American ammunition, the standardized product of three American factories turning out these guns to supplement the Springfield

field rifle output of government armaments, was presented to the secretary Saturday, and in turn presented by him to Chairman Scott, of the general munitions board of the defense council. Enough Enfields to supply the national army are expected to be ready by the time the draft forces have been trained to the stage of drilling with weapons.

The Germans used to feel a good deal of contempt for the peace of The Hague, and they don't like the war of the Hais any better.—Philadelphia Record.

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PRISON IS UNPOPULAR

Another convict has escaped from the state prison farm, but in the absence of Warden Heinrichs no details can be obtained. This is the ninth escape to be made from the prison in the past three months. Of the nine, three have been captured. The latest man to sever his connection with the institution is Avery Cooley, who had served five months for attempted burglary in Humboldt county.

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It would seem as if a steamer owned by the government might get into New York harbor without ramming a transport.—Philadelphia Record.

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